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Serial No.: **09/899,410**)
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Title: **System and Method for Communicating**)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1; delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

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